

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2158 without my signature.

This bill requires new criteria be added to the factors considered by councils of governments (COGs) when developing regional housing needs. As COGs can already include these criteria in their needs assessments, this bill is unnecessary.

Furthermore, significant changes to the development of housing needs assessments were made in 2004. We should judge the effectiveness of these changes before adding significant new mandates on local governments.

For these reasons I am returning Assembly Bill 2158 without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger